

HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM

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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND PARAGUAY

Effected by Exchange of Notes
Signed at Washington May 18 and 22, 1942



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The Under Secretary of State to the Paraguayan Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON,

May 18, 1942

MY DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

I wish to refer to the Department's note of May 5, 1942^[1] in which my Government agreed to assist the Government of Paraguay by contributing \$1,000,000 for the purpose of carrying out a cooperative health and sanitation program.

In fulfillment of this commitment and in accordance with Resolution XXX of the Third Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics at Rio de Janeiro, the Government of the United States, acting through the agency of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, is sending, upon your request, a small group of experts to Paraguay in the immediate future in order to develop a specific program in agreement with the Government of Paraguay. This group will be under the immediate direction of the Chief Medical Officer of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and will work in the closest cooperation with the appropriate Paraguayan officials. Approval for the actual execution of the specific projects agreed upon will be made by the respective Governments or their duly appointed agents upon recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer, acting in cooperation with the appropriate officials of the Paraguayan Government, or with appropriate officials designated by the Paraguayan Government for such projects as might be undertaken outside of the municipal areas of Asunción. Expenditures for such projects shall be made upon certification of the Chief Medical Officer and the appropriate Paraguayan official designated for the areas where projects will be executed.

The specific projects of interest to the Paraguayan Government include:

1. Improvement of existing water-supply system in Asunción and amplification of water-supply in accordance with availability of materials.
2. Improvement of sewerage in Asunción in accordance with availability of materials.

¹ [Not printed.]

3. Provision for malaria control in areas where such control is needed as shall be agreed upon between the appropriate health officials of the Paraguayan Government and the chief medical officer provided by the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.
4. Improvement of disease control by means of hospitals, clinics, and educational measures.
5. General cooperation with the Paraguayan Health Department.

These projects upon completion will of course become the sole property of the Paraguayan Government. The United States Government will be prepared to facilitate such training of Paraguayan personnel as the two Governments may deem advisable.

The Paraguayan Government will, it is understood, be willing to provide, in accordance with its ability, such raw materials, services and funds as may be deemed necessary for the proper carrying out, of the program.

Believe me

Sincerely yours,

SUMNER WELLES

His Excellency

Dr. Don CELSO R. VELÁZQUEZ,
Ambassador of Paraguay.

The Paraguayan Ambassador to the Under Secretary of State

EMBAJADA DEL PARAGUAY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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MAY 22nd, 1942.

MY DEAR MR. WELLES:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 18, 1942 in which you set forth the specific measures by which the Government of the United States proposes to fulfill in the immediate future its commitment to contribute the amount of \$1,000,000 for expenditure in ways which will assist in the attainment of the objectives of my Government in matters of health and sanitation.

Under the authority granted to me by His Excellency the President of Paraguay, and His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs in a telegram of May 21, 1942, it is my pleasure to inform you that the projects outlined in your letter, and the terms relating thereto, are entirely satisfactory to the Government of Paraguay. I wish to assure you at this time that, once the projects have been completed and thereby become the sole property and responsibility of the Government of Paraguay, adequate measures of maintenance for the projects will be taken in order that the resulting benefits may be preserved.

The Government of Paraguay further agrees, in accordance with Article 1 of Resolution XXX of the Third Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics at Rio de Janeiro, to provide, in accordance with its ability, raw materials, services, and funds for the projects agreed upon.

It is my further understanding that the salaries and expenses of the small group of experts mentioned in your letter will be paid for by the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and will not be debited against project funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 as agreed upon.

Accept, my dear Mr. Welles, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

CELSO R. VELÁZQUEZ
- Ambassador.

The Honorable
SUMNER WELLES,
*Under Secretary of State
of the United States of America
Washington, D. C.*

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